

EMERGENCY VEHICLE MANAGEMENT SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2014

I. Call to order: 15:05 EDT

II. Roll call – Taken- Quorum Established

Harold McDonald, Chair, South Western Division Rep.

Dave Dock, Vice Chair, Missouri Valley Division Rep.

Steve Hodge, Secretary, At Large Division Rep.

John McDonald, Treasurer, Fed/Mil Division Rep.

David Kirkpatrick, Eastern Division Rep.

Mike Thorn, Western Division Rep.

Steve Wilde, Great Lakes Division Rep.

Don Henry, Canadian Division Rep.

William Hoag, South Eastern Division Rep.

Richard Hart, New England Division Rep.

IAFC Staff Gary Brouse

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting- Done by E-Mail

IV. Treasurer Report: John McDonald emailed the EVMS Directors the 2014 General Ledger Balance Sheet prior to the meeting, including the EVMS Budget. John's comments are paraphrased as follows: As you can see this is a new form for 2014 and as you see we are about where we should be as far as income; the only thing we have spent money on is the teleconference phone calls. As you can see on the ledger, money's are coming in as people are billed, as far as future expenditure's, the only thing have coming up is, as we previously agreed, would be the funding of the up and coming EVT test writing session for the Engineer Operator test. I have been in contact with Steve W. and the IAFC's finance people, as soon as Steve W. gets me the cost of the session, I will distribute the information and we can review the info and be sure that what we want to fund this project. Then I can get it off to IAFC's finance people and they can cut a check, any questions? No questions were asked, Motion to accept by Mike Thorn and Seconded by Dave Kirkpatrick, any discussion, hearing none, all in favor of the motion, Motion Approved

V. Reports from Officers: none

VI. Committee Reports: Steve Hodge

Steering Committee: We had the teleconference last week. I don't have the minutes to read at this time, but we did talk about "The Best Practices" program and welcomed back Dave Crawford, he will be in Dallas and wants to help on this committee. Also, Jay Powell spoke about the Education Consortium, and will forward info on to Jon Coutts to include in the Committee minutes.

Election / Nomination Committee: Dave Dock, not present, report given by various EVMS Board Members

Chief Dock contacted all incumbents and Chief Hart from New England said he was not able to run again, Don Henry contacted Chief Dock and said he was able to run again but has not set him an E-Mail yet. David Kirkpatrick contacted Chief Dock and told him he will be running again, so there's one Director Position, with no incumbent, from New England for EVMS to find a candidate. Mike Thorn suggested the State Mechanics be contacted to see if he would like to run for this position, he will contact that person (Bob Corsi). It was also suggested that EVMS solicit the NE Section, and if no one steps forward we could appoint someone for one year.

VII. Program/Presentation (s):

John McDonald reminded us about the dates of the up and coming meetings at FRI in Dallas, Thursday August 14 2014 is the Annual Meeting 13:30-15:00 and Board meeting will follow from 15:30-17:00, Steering Committee will meet on Friday August 15 2014 08:00-10:00

VIII. Business Agenda:

Old Business

Survey results and best way to address:

The Chair asked if everyone had time to review the survey results and if there was any questions and or comments. A lengthy discussion ensued and resulted in the following items being prevalent responses:

Departments are being forced to use their Apparatus longer because of budgets cuts; some have canceled purchases of new fire equipment and are being placed in positions requiring them to lower the cost of maintenance. They are experiencing maintenance and line personnel cuts.

The membership is looking to the EVMS for guidance regarding justification of purchasing new Apparatus vs running their used Apparatus longer. They are looking to us for training of personnel.

Each department's situation most likely differs enough that the EVMS would have to mentor them step by step. It's very hard to have a class that would cover every issue; you would almost have to go on a one by one basis to cover each issue.

The Best Practice Video and class room material would help, along with 1901 and 1911 presentations. The video would be timely due to budget cuts; less funding for travel. Looking at the responses, it appears the membership wants information to take back to the-powers-that-be to say, look, you are cutting my budget and personnel; this is what it takes to maintain the Apparatus. It also appears that they are not looking to see what the standards are, as far as replacement time lines, in NFPA 1911.

John M stated if someone wanted training classes, and was able to make a partial payment, that perhaps we could get Steve W. to put on a class and work-out some kind of cost-sharing. Gary Brouse suggested that since the survey was only sent to EVMS members, that the EVMS may want to send out the Survey to all IAFC's members and see what the response is, to acquire a better representative sample.

Don Henry stated, I think you have to keep putting 1911 out there and keep pushing it that's the only way to get the message out there and if they would follow 1911 a lot of their problems would be solved.

It was noted that perhaps we could post a link to NFPA 1901 and 1911 so the membership could read it. Chair McDonald asked Gary if we could add links to NFPA on our Web site; Gary will check and see.

It was noted that there is also Steve W's. white paper, which describes the relevance of 1901 and 1911. Chair McDonald asked for a consensus to put NFPA 1901 and 1911, as well as Steve W's. white paper on the EVMS Website. EVMS Directors agreed to place Steve W's. white paper, as well as links to 1901 and 1911, if possible, (Gary Checking) on the EVMS Website.

Gary requested a sample of what the Directors wanted on the Website and he would work to get it accomplished.

Steve Hodge said moving forward, EVMS should be planning for FRI 2015-2016 regarding classes we can put on, and suggested classes on Best Practices/Preventive Maintenance (Video if available) as well as 1901 and 1911. He also pointed-out that EVMS should be working more with EVT's as for as prepping for testing ether on a national level and or state level.

Don Henry stated that the survey was asking for less expensive apparatus and training of personal. Chair McDonald stated that departments are being asked to do more with less people, money and resources.

Steve Hodge asked if we could send this same survey out the entire body and see what kind of response we would get. Don Henry stated that if we send this out on a national-level and only get a few back that would show if people are really interested in maintenance, like they say. Gary will get a general approval for sending the survey out to the body of the IAFC so we can see what response we get back.

Dave Kirkpatrick, Dave Dock, Chair McDonald will modify questions and get to Gary. The Chair asked if there was anything else. Steve Hodge state that we should somehow send out E-mail to the respondents to let them know we hear you and this is what we are doing. It was noted that perhaps the EVMS Website could be used to get the information out to the membership regarding the survey results and the EVMS Director's suggestions to the membership regarding how best to navigate through these troubled times. Another stated that perhaps we could send feedback regarding the survey and the results to other IAFC's section heads so they could share the information with their memberships.

Goals for 2014: Best Practices and 1911 video

Steve W. not here, Mike Thorn spoke on what's going on, the video is on hold until the EVT E/O test gets written because the test will drive the video.

Best Practices: was discussed at the steering committee level and welcomed Dave Crawford back to the committee after a year of doing fire chief stuff and will be in Dallas to help move this forward.

FRI Planning 2015-2016

2015 Atlanta 2016 San Antonio, TX

Chair McDonald asked if the EVT E/O test and or the video would be done by then, Mike said maybe the test by 2015 and 2016 for the video.

New Business:

EPA Emissions standards for ARFF vehicles

Gary sent out the ruling to everyone for your reading enjoyment.

Don Henry stated that they will have to meet all current standards just like our Apparatus's now. They will no-longer be rated as an off-road vehicle.

Next Meeting will be in Dallas, TX on Thursday Aug. 14th 2014 @ 13:30 – 15:00 for Annual meeting and 15:15-17:00 for Board Meeting and on Friday Aug. 15th 2014 the Steering Committee will meet @ 08:00- 10:00 will have to check for room number.

Good of Order:

Mike and Steve W. will be meeting on Tuesday-Wednesday prior to the board meeting to work on EVT E/O test.

Adjournment:

Motion by Don Henry, Second by Steve Hodge, Motion carried @ 13:04